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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS' VISIT TO THE U.S.

REFERENCE: PORT OF SPAIN 1502 (NOTAL)

1. PRIME MINISTER ERIC WILLIAMS WILL BE TRANSITING THE
U.S. DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 22-27 FOLLOWING HIS OFFICIAL
VISIT TO HAVANA AND PRECEDENT TO OFFICIAL VISITS HE WILL
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BE PAYING TO ROMANIA, AUSTRIA AND RUSSIA. THROUGH HIS

AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, WILLIAMS HAS ASKED TO PAY A CALL ON THE SECRETARY AND IN RESPONSE TO THAT REQUEST HE HAS AN APPOINTMENT FOR 11:30 A.M. JUNE 26. IT IS OUR INTENTION TO HAVE A SMALL LUNCH IN HIS HONOR AT THE DEPARTMENT TO BE HOSTED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY.

2. IN VIEW OF WILLIAMS' RECENT CRITICAL COMMENTS ABOUT THE EFFORTS OF CERTAIN RIPARIAN LATIN STATES SUCH AS VENEZUELA AND MEXICO TO "RECOLONIZE" THE CARIBBEAN, AND HIS EQUALLY BLUNT REMARKS ABOUT CERTAIN OF HIS FELLOW COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN PRIME MINISTERS, NOTABLY MICHAEL MANLEY, THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUSPICIONS RAISED THAT THE USG IS SOMEHOW BEHIND THESE ATTACKS (PORT OF SPAIN'S 1502 NOTAL).

WILLIAMS' RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON MAY THEREFORE BE VIEWED AS EVIDENCE OF SOME CLOSE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE USG.

3. SHOULD WILLIAMS' VISIT TO WASHINGTON ELICIT COMMENT AND INSPIRE QUESTIONS, YOU MAY DRAW AT YOUR DISCRETION ON THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION IN ANY INFORMAL DISCUSSION YOU MAY HAVE WITH DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES, HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OR OTHERS.

A. WE HAVE NORMAL FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE GOTT JUST AS WE HAVE WITH THE OTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES OF THE CARIBBEAN.

B. PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS WILL BE TRANSITING THE U.S. IN THE COURSE OF A LONG JOURNEY INVOLVING OFFICIAL VISITS TO CUBA, AUSTRIA, ROMANIA AND THE USSR. HE HAS REQUESTED A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AND AN APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN ARRANGED.

C. PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS IS THE DEAN OF THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN. HE HAS A WELL-ESTABLISHED RECORD AS AN INDEPENDENT-MINDED LEADER OF HIS NATION AND ANYONE FAMILIAR WITH HIS CAREER MUST CERTAINLY BE AWARE THAT FREQUENTLY IN THE PAST HE HAS

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BEEN HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE U.S. HE HAS SHOWN HIMSELF THROUGHOUT HIS POLITICAL CAREER TO BE VERY MUCH HIS OWN MAN. SISCO

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